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SUBJ: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HELD ITS REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION. PRESIDENT KORUTURK PRESIDED. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED FOLLOWING THE MEETING, "THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDRED THE NEED FOR TAKING EFFECTIVE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES IN THE STATE APPARATUS TO PREVENT ANARCHIC EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND WHICH NOT (RPT NOT) ONLY THREATEN FREEDOM OF EDUCATION AND SECURITY OF LIFE BUT ALSO TO A LARGE MEASURE REPRESENT EVIL DESIGNS AGAINST THE EXISTENCE AND UNITY OF OUR STATE." THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAD AGREED ON "THE NEED TO WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAWS AND THE CONSTITUTION AND WITH ALL OF THE STATE'S AGENCIES AND POWERS AGAINST EVERY SORT OF ORGANIZATION AND ANARCHISTIC ACTIVITY...WHICH SEEK TO DESTROY THE TRUKISH REPUBLIC, THE INDIVISIBLE UNITY OF THE

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TURKISH STATE'S LAND AND PEOPLE, AND THE FREE DEOMCRATIC

REGIME." EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY CYPRUS, WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED.

2. WHEN PRIMIN DEMIREL EMERGED FROM THE ALL-DAY MEETING HE DECLINED TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS AND DID NOT RPT NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE DECLARED.

3. JANUARY 20 LEFTIST CUMHURIYET SPECULATED THAT THE NATIONALSIT FRONT GOVERNMENT PRESENTED THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSAL FOR MARTIAL LAW WHICH WAS THEN REJECTED BY THE COUNCIL'S ARMED FORCES REPRESENTATIVES. MACOMBER

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